

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
725 6th STREET N.E.
FOSSTON, MN 56542



Greetings from Deacon Aaron Kaiser:

Epiphany celebrates a coming out, a showing forth, the revelation of God's love for the world is made manifest. In the first reading we hear the prophet, Isaiah speak "Rise up in splendor" which mimics the movements at Mass as we *rise* up at the entrance song to give glory and honor to God. We *rise* at the Gospel reading to hear the good news of our salvation. We *rise* to come forward and receive our Lord in the Eucharist. We *rise* to go forth into the world and proclaim the good news and Jesus Christ. In the gospel, the wise men represent the journeying of humanity toward Christ. The three kings can be associated with the phases of human life – youth, maturity, and old age. Epiphany's star leads us to a better way, our faith in God who brings newness, healing, and light into darkness. Let us seek the newborn King as the Magi who discovered Jesus and prostrated themselves and offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

God Bless You! Have a Good Week.

The Epiphany of the Lord
January 3, 2021

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Valarie Holzer
Youth Group Leader: Savannah Conger
Pastoral Council Chair: Dennis Sanden
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Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator:
Cindy Hulst 218-281-7895
24-hour confidential number

Confession 8 AM before Sunday Mass

St. Mary's Mass with Intentions

Wednesday: Adoration Noon – 8 PM
Sun., Jan. 10 8:30 AM Mass
Deceased Family of Rose Brinkman

St. Joseph's, Bagley, Mass & Intentions

Tuesdays Adoration Noon – 5 pm
Sun., Jan. 10 10:30 AM Mass
For the Parishes

A Must See:

St. Mary's Kids performed from home to create a virtual CHRISTMAS PAGEANT which was shown in church. You can watch it by going to the online address <https://youtu.be/NEdUscdh1MU> St. Mary's Kids' Virtual Christmas Pageant.

HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR.

Birthdays

Jan 4 Amanda Shultz
Jan 7 Ben Hemberger
Jan 9 Lisa Rosendahl

PRAYER CHAIN CONTACT:

Carol Aaland 435-6384 (H), 218-686-2710 (C).
Please notify parish office of names to add or subtract
and of those who could use a prayer shawl.

Prayer List Policy: Names from outside our Parish
will be removed from the list after one month.
Additional months may be requested as needed or
desired.

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR:

Nash Rosendahl, Kristi Maruska, Wayne Paulson,
Richard Parent, Bruce Donnell, Lucille Dufault,
Mark Randall, Peggy Desizlets,(10/28) Lynn
Vennes,(12/6), Jodi Nelson

"May you touch them and heal them, O Lord!"

Blessed Prayer Shawls are available.

Please contact Dorothy Paulson at 435-6836

MASS INTENTIONS: Please note with your
donation whether intention is for a deceased or
living person. Suggested donation is still \$5.00.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

The readings for next Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021
Isaiah 42: 1-4,6-7, Psalm 29: 1-4,3,9-10, Acts10:
34-38, Mark 1:7-11

For Men who are interested in becoming a
Deacon: Formation begins in January of 2022. If
you are interested in participating, please e-mail
Deacon Mark at mkrejci@crookston.org.

Confidential Care for Post-Abortive Women
and Men "Project Rachel" is offered from the
Diocese of Crookston. The confidential
phoneline is 218-470-0112.

**FAITH FORMATION will not be held at
the church until further notice.**

St. Mary's Youth Group made many nursing
home residents happy this Christmas by
sacrificing their time and talent to make tie-knot
fleece blankets. They were on ZOOM together
while they worked.

STUDENTS Grade 7-12: National Right to
Life's 2021 Pro-Life Essay Contest Dec. 20 – Jan.
21. Enter your 300-500 essay on "Why you are
pro-life" Prizes: \$100-\$200. More info at
nrlc.org/students/essaycontest. Also, MCCL
invites your video for their pro-life oratory
contest. Go to MCCL.org/youthcontests

Together in Spirit – January 6, 7 PM is a HIGH
SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENT
that Father Rob Galea facilitates. Below is the
invite link. Password is "together".
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86498383731?pwd=cGhvcmFrZVRQVnJSNFJ5dTVtYis1dz09>

On formed.org: Scott Hahn reflects on the
Epiphany of the Lord "New Born King". Also,
check out "The Search: Why a Church?" Go to
formed.org/signup. "Find Your Parish," type in
Fosston's zip code of 56542 No password. Be sure
to share this link formed.org/faithathome with
friends and family not yet on FORMED to get them
started with a complimentary subscription.

As we have seen throughout the pandemic
and it's not unsurprising this time of year, many
people receive emails impersonating clergy or
others. Please remember that messages with
vague requests for money or other gifts/favors
are often a scam. You might be able to tell right
away because the generic email address it is
being sent from does not match the real person's
email address. Do not reply or forward these
messages. Delete the email immediately and also
go in to your "deleted" folder and delete the
message there too.

U.S. Bishop Chairmen for Pro-Life and Doctrine on Covid-19 Vaccine: "In view of the gravity of the current pandemic and the lack of availability of alternative vaccines, the reasons to accept the new COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer & Moderna are sufficiently serious to justify their use, despite their remote connection to morally compromised cell lines. Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good." Bishops warned Catholics "must be on guard so that the new COVID-19 vaccines do not desensitize us or weaken our determination to oppose the evil of abortion itself and the subsequent use of fetal cells in research." *Public Affairs Office, Dec. 14, 2020*

Catholics at the Capitol – "On Mission for Life and Dignity" April 15, 2021. Speak out in defense of life and dignity at the State Capitol! Even just a handful of people can influence the laws passed by our elected officials. "CatCap" will fortify your faith, provide you with the hope needed to heal the cynicism and division in politics, and equip you to speak with your lawmakers. For information visit <https://www.catholicsatthecapitol.org>

First Link Suicide Prevention is a free, confidential service available to anyone 24/7/365 for listening and support, referrals to resources/help, and crisis intervention. FirstLink answers the 211 helpline, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and communicates via the text line 898-211. Dial 2-1-1 or text your zipcode to 898-211 from anywhere in our service area for confidential help and support. <https://myfirstlink.org/> National Suicide Prevention Lifeline <https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/>

Prayer for Peace in 2021

Taken from Pope Francis's "A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace"

As we embark together toward what we hope is a more serene and calm horizon, let us reflect together on the words of Pope Francis: At a time like this, when the barque (ship) of humanity, tossed by the storm of the current crisis, struggles to advance towards a calmer and more serene horizon, the "rudder" of human dignity and the "compass" of fundamental social principles can enable us together to steer a sure course. As Christians, we should always look to Our Lady, Star of the Sea and Mother of Hope. May we work together to advance towards a new horizon of love and peace, of fraternity and solidarity, of mutual support and acceptance. May we never yield to the temptation to disregard others, especially those in greatest need, and to look the other way; instead, may we strive daily, in concrete and practical ways, "to form a community composed of brothers and sisters who accept and care for one another".

O God, may the light of your hope on the horizon lead us to your peace.

Through Christ, our Lord, we pray: Amen.

Guidelines for activities and events, protecting ourselves from COVID-19 while indoors. Changes announced by Gov. Walz starting Nov. 27th affect only receptions, celebrations, parties or gatherings held at the church and not the capacity of religious services.

The Diocese of Crookston Covid-19 protocols in compliance with Minnesota may be found at stmarysfooston.org or

www.crookston.org/statments. Stay Safe.

The Year of St. Joseph. (Dec. 8, 2020 – Dec. 8, 2021) Patron of the Universal Church. "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed Weekly:	\$ 2218.04
Last Week's Collections:	
25 Adults	\$ 1255.00
3 Youth	23.00
Loose	\$ 26.00
Total Collections	\$ 1304.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Christmas 22 Adults	\$ 1110.00
Capital Improvement Balance	\$ 4155.95

Thank you for the Flower Donations given in memory of:

Bill Aaland by Carol Aaland

Family Members by Dave & Rose Brinkman

Kim Christopherson by Dianne C & Family

Family Members by Marge Donnell

Family Members by Viola Hand

Emma Proulx & Aloiss & Paul Schmitz by

Tricia, Peyton & Ethan Proulx

Jarvis Zitzow by Theresa Zitzow

In Honor of Family Members by JoAnn Anderson.

Thank you to the Parents of Faith Formation Students for returning the Circle of Grace verification form for the St. Mary's Safe Environment. The compliance report was signed & sent to the Diocese of Crookston.

THANK YOU DECORATORS! YOU MAKE OUR CHURCH BEAUTIFUL FOR JESUS!

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Thank you for gifts donated to the Family Safety Network in Bagley and to the people named on the tags. **You have made a difference in the lives of many!**

Thank you so much for your generous contributions of \$1740 to Debbie's Basket Sale sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic United Financial Council. May you be blessed for your generous hearts!

Masses at St. Mary's are held in the church sanctuary with overflow seating in the social hall. We have plenty of space for all to worship while being spaced apart from other households. **Please come, wear masks** (if over 5 and not medically challenged), use touch-free hand sanitizer located by each door and keep yourself socially distanced.

The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains indefinitely suspended in our Diocese and the rest of the MN dioceses. If you cannot be with us for Sunday Mass, please find a way to keep Sundays holy. You can join Mass on TV or at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>

Lectors:

January 3: Margarette Rue

January 10: Lori Balstad

January 17: Michele Schoenborn

January 24: Nina Bingham

January 31: Jan Hemmingsen

In case of emergency while Fr. John is gone. Please call:

Deacon Aaron Kaiser at 218-280-4707

There are still 2021 calendars left. Take one home. Notice the month of January starts with "How We Pray the Rosary" and follows through all the months. Handy reminder.

"..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." - Matthew 2:11 Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

MCCL Chapter 45 meets Jan. 12, 7pm at the McIntosh Community Center